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### Important Dates

#### MAY

May 18 - Unity Day for gr. 4-7  
**May 22 - Victoria Day (no School)**  
**May 23 - RTA AGM - 2:00 dismissal**  
 May 26 - Gr. 7 Burnett Visit Day  
 May 26 - Spring Carnival  
 May 30 - Minoru Track Meet

#### JUNE

June 9 - Sport's Day,  
**June 9 - Dismissal @ 1:30 pm**  
 June 13-15 - iride program gr. 4-7  
 June 15 - Band Concert  
 June 16 - Track Assembly  
 June 21 - National Aboriginal Day  
 Assembly @ 11:00  
 June 23 - Grad Assembly @ 9:15 am  
 June 27 - Recognition Assembly @  
 1:30  
 June 29 - Last day of School  
 June 29 - Dismissal @ 11:30 am



*Victoria Day  
 No School  
 May 22*

*Early Dismissal  
 at 2:00 pm  
 May 23*

Dear Parents,

#### ***Important Information about Class Placements***

Many families wish to provide information to assist our staff in **Class Placements**. June is fast approaching and once again, the staff at Blair Elementary School will be gathering and sharing information in preparation for student placement in September. As professionals, the staff devotes much time, care and effort in determining September placement for each child. Sometimes, parents are able to provide the school with new information about their child.

This input should not include a request for placement with a specific teacher but rather some important personal or educational data that will assist us with our decision. This could include:

- your child's learning strengths, interests and needs and/or their learning style
- strategies and approaches that are effective in engaging and motivating your child, and
- peers that you believe might help your child to feel connected, to work productively and to be a successful learner.

Please note, while we take your information into account as part of our discussions, we are not able to guarantee requests.

***Should you wish to provide the school with this information, please send a letter to Mrs. Ludwig by Friday, June 2, 2017.***

#### **Congratulations Mrs. Wallace!**

Mrs. Wallace has been appointed principal at Quilchena Elementary starting in September! We are very proud of her success. Of course this means that we will be saying farewell in June. Please take the time between now and then to congratulate her.

Mrs. Ludwig and Mrs. Wallace

# BLAIR PAC

We look forward to our annual Spring Carnival on Friday, May 26. As always there will be games, bouncy castles, food, and prizes. More information will come!

### Mark your calendars:

- ▶ May 19 - Pizza Lunch
- ▶ May 26 - Spring Carnival Food (dinner)
- ▶ June 2 - PAC Sushi Lunch

*Orders for the hot food lunches are due one week prior on the School Cash Online system.*

Did you know that we have a Facebook page? For more information about what's going on in the school and our District and to stay connected, give us a like! <https://m.facebook.com/>

## Track Meet - May 30

Students in gr. 3-7 will participate in the Minoru Track Meet on Tuesday, May 30. We are in need of parent drivers . We hope you can help.

Please return your permission slips ASAP to help us with our planning.

## Summer Garden Watering



Dear Blair Parents,

This year the Blair students have continued dedicating their time to learn about urban gardening and have grown a variety of vegetables and plants. In order to continue this initiative the Blair School gardeners are looking for family volunteers to help maintain our gardens by watering on a weekly basis and harvesting as necessary over the summer. We are hoping that families will adopt one week over the summer to keep our gardens watered throughout the summer. Further details will be provided once you inform us of your interest. If you have any questions or are interested, please email Mrs. Ridley or Mrs. Sato.

Thank you so much for your support of our Blair garden!

Mrs. Ridley

Mrs. Sato

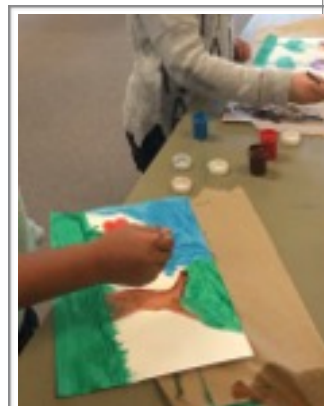
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### Student Safety

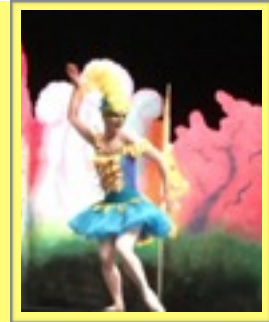
It is extremely important that each and every student sign-in at the office when late. We need to know that you have arrived, because classroom teachers may have already submitted their attendance.

If students leave the school for an appointment in the middle of the day, he or she must sign-out at the office. This ensures that absences are accounted for. Thank you for your cooperation.



Blair now has an Art Club! Thank you Ms. Trainor & Div. 5 for all your work to make this happen!

Students in Divisions 1, 2, 6,7 and 9 went to the Gateway Theatre recently to see the Zaryevka Ballet perform "Jabberwocky. Students in Division 2 have shared their reflections:



I think that the performance turned out to be great, especially considering that there were only two people on the stage who constantly switched characters. I learned that ballet is an extremely hard performance art that requires strength, stamina, balance and coordination - it is not simply prancing around a stage! - Tenzin B, Gr. 7

The dancers showed physical intensity, strength and stamina. Ballet can be very demanding and takes a lot of discipline -Victor L, Gr. 7

When we did tableau in class we had to use facial expressions and hand signals to communicate ideas, feelings, and the theme. The performers also did the same thing as the narrator told the story of "The Jabberwocky." - Nicole W, Gr. 7

The story did not engage me that much, but the dancing was stunning - Evan S, Gr. 6

**Blair Spring Carnival  
Cake Decorating Contest**  
**CALLING ALL BUDDING CHEFS & BAKERS!**

BLAIR IS HAVING A CAKE AND CUPCAKE (MINIMUM 6 REGULAR SIZED OR 12 MINIS) DECORATING CONTEST! GET CREATIVE, HAVE SOME FUN, AND HELP OUT YOUR SCHOOL! STUDENTS WITH THE MOST CREATIVE DESIGNS WILL WIN A WRISTBAND FOR THE CARNIVAL.

☆ CAKES WILL BE DONATED TO OUR CARNIVAL CAKEWALK ☆ ITEMS MUST BE ON/IN A 'TAKE-AWAY' CONTAINER ☆ MUST BE DROPPED OFF IN THE GYM BEFORE RECESS ON THE MORNING OF MAY 26TH FOR 'JUDGING' ☆ 1 WRISTBAND WILL BE AWARDED IN EACH OF THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES: K/1 - GRADES 2/3 - GRADES 4/5 - GRADE 6/7.

\*ONLY CAKES THAT HAVE BEEN DECORATED BY STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES WILL BE EVALUATED. COMMERCIALY DECORATED CAKES WILL BE ACCEPTED FOR THE CAKEWALK BUT WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED FOR A PRIZE



Students in grades 4-7 participate in the BC Student Vote!



Students in the Div. 1 & 2 band perform at the Gateway Theatre!



Dear Parents and Families!

It's almost time for our 7th Annual Blair Spring Carnival on Friday, May 26<sup>th</sup> from 4:30-7:00pm. Get ready for an evening of fabulous family fun!

### GAMES

For just one ticket, or a bracelet for unlimited play, we have exciting carnival games, including hockey shoot-out, bowling, mini-golf, ring toss, basketball toss, softball throw, and the duck pond, just to name a few!

**EVERY GAME IS A WINNER - GREAT PRIZES**

**GUARANTEED!**

**Tickets and bracelets will be available for sale on the day of the carnival.**



### INFLATABLES, AND CAKEWALK

Jump in the bouncy castle, play on the inflatable obstacle course, and try your luck at the cakewalk.

### FOOD SALES

Hotdogs, Chips, and water/juice will be available for purchase. Please order your food online at the school cash online system for your convenience and receive a discount.

Deadline for ordering is **Tuesday, May 23<sup>th</sup>**

Please note that all food sales during the Carnival will be CASH sales and that people will be served on a first-come, first-served basis.

We also NEED parent volunteers to make this a fun event. Parent volunteers are needed for set up and clean up. If you are interested, please email [anitafan@hotmail.com](mailto:anitafan@hotmail.com).

We hope to see you there! Stay tuned for more information and THANK YOU for your continued support!

Sincerely,  
Blair Pac



**ORDER YOUR PAN OR GRAD PHOTO ONLINE AT**  
[www.lifetouchevents.com](http://www.lifetouchevents.com)

Please enter your:

**Guest Password:**

**archibaldblair2017**

Photo(s) will be mailed directly to your home.

***Please note: There will be a \$7.00 shipping and handling fee applied to each order.***

## DISTRICT NEWS

### Suggestions for Parents/Guardians regarding the Netflix series, *13 Reasons Why*

Many of you may have seen or read some of the recent commentary regarding the popular Netflix series, *13 Reasons Why*. This series depicts a student's suicide, along with the *reasons* that led her to make the choice that includes sexual assault, sex shaming, bullying and impaired driving.

The BC Ministry of Education, as well as mental health organizations internationally, have prepared advisements warning of the potential harm this series can have on young people who may be influenced by the romanticized nature in which the suicide is treated in the series.

In response to the growing controversy, Netflix has issued a statement that mental health experts were consulted during production of the series, "to show how these issues impact teens in real and dramatic ways." The consensus, however, is that the unrealistic dramatization of the effect the 13 tapes left behind by the teen that commits suicide can be a trigger factor for other teens potentially at risk for suicide.

It is important for parents and guardians to be aware of what their children are watching and to connect with them in conversation about what they see on screen. For some of you, rather than simply forbidding your child from watching the series, watch it with them. This may lead to discussion concerning issues that are sometimes difficult but necessary to talk about.

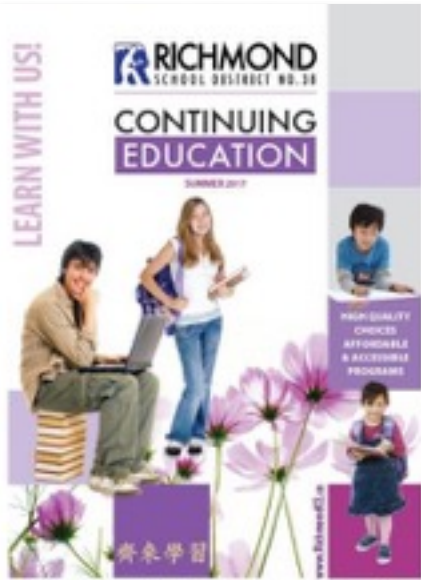
The **Suicide Awareness Voices of Education (SAVE)** has created a set of Talking Points as a guideline for talking with your children about *13 Reasons Why*. It contains information about the content of the series and why mental health organizations are encouraging parents to not have your child watch the series unsupported. The article can be found at <http://www.save.org/13-reasons-why/>

If parents have concerns, school counsellors can assist to support you in conversation about this or other difficult topics as well as providing you with resources and suggestions for preventing harmful behaviour.

#### Local and Provincial Resources:

- Chimo Crisis Line (8am – midnight) 604-279-7070
- 1-800-SUICIDE (1-800-784-2433)
- 310 Mental Health Support 310-6789 (no area code needed)
- HealthLink BC – call 8-1-1 or visit <http://www.healthlinkbc.ca>
- Kids Help Line 310-1234
- <http://www.youthinbc.com> (noon – 1:00am)

# Summer School Registration



## SUMMER LEARNING 2017

1. Online registration will begin on various dates in the month of May.
2. Create a student customer account, if you do not have one already.
3. School-age students (currently in Kindergarten - Grade 12 in BC) must have their Personal Education Number (PEN).
4. Summer 2017 Catalogue - See the continuing Education Website to download a copy <http://ce.sd38.bc.ca>

## BLAIR'S GOT TALENT!

## COMMUNITY

A big thank you to everyone who participated in Blair's Got Talent! It is clear that our students have much dedication to their passions and we were so happy our students got to share their talents with us all. Bravo on a job well done! A special thank you to Ms. Mesic, Ms. Pikkarainen, Ms. Shu and Mrs. Townsend for making this all happen! The kids were so prepared and they showed such confidence and pride! We are still not sure how Ms. Mesic was able to book Sia and Sean Paul, but they were a wonderful surprise!



**Come out to meet 'Sergeant Safety Bear' and learn more about your local police**

**FREE Project 529 Bike Registration. Bring your bikes!**  
[www.project529.com](http://www.project529.com)

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| Police Dog Services             | Dive Team          | Transnit Police            |
| Emergency Response Team         | RCMP Marine Unit   | D.A.R.E.                   |
| Junior Police Academy           | Free Bike Registry | Canadian Forces            |
| Forensic Identification Section | Bike Squad         | Canada Post Investigations |
|                                 | Youth Section      | Richmond Fire Rescue       |

**Do you have what it takes to be a police officer?**  
Test your skills at the **Youth Police Academy** (all ages) and the **Police Scavenger Hunt**

**"Strengthening Bonds with Faith-Based Communities"**

**Event Details:** Follow us on Twitter: @RichmondRCMP  
 May 16 3:00pm - 7:00pm: Az-Zahraa Islamic Centre 8580 No. 5 Road  
 May 18 3:00pm - 7:00pm: Branscombe House 4980 Steveston Highway

Please bring food donations to help 'CRAN THE CRUISER' for the Jewish & Muslim Food Banks!

